

FRESNO COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
FRESNO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**Instruction**
CEREMONIES AND OBSERVANCES

The County Superintendent and County Board recognize the importance of having students observe holidays, celebrate events of cultural, historical, or present day significance, and acknowledge the contributions of outstanding individuals in society. On days designated by the County Superintendent, and as required by law, staff shall provide students with appropriate commemorative exercises and educational experiences so that they may acquire the knowledge, skills, and principles essential for informed, responsible citizenship in a democratic society.

County Superintendent/County Board schools shall be closed on the holidays specified in Education Code 37220 and on any other day designated as a holiday by the County Superintendent. The County Superintendent may revise the date upon which schools close in observance of any holiday except Veterans Day, which shall be celebrated on its actual date. (Education Code 37220)

In addition, the County Superintendent may authorize the display of symbolic flags or banners in support of specific awareness months.

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Legal ReferenceEducation Code

37220-37222.21 Holidays and commemorative events
44015.1 Week of the School Administrator
45203 Paid holidays, classified employees
45460 Classified School Employee Week
49110.5 Workplace Readiness Week
52720-52730 Patriotic exercises and instruction

Government Code

430-439 Display of flags
3540-3549.3 Public education employer-employee relations

United States Code, Title 4

6 Time and occasion for display of flag
7 Position and manner of display of flag

Unites State Code, Title 36

106 Constitution Day and Citizenship Day

Court Decisions

Newdow v. Rio Linda Union School District, 597 F.3d 1007, 1012 (9th Cir. 2010)

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West Virginia State Board of Education et al v. Barnette et al (1943) 319 U.S. 624

Management Resources

Websites

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>

California Department of Education, History/Social Science Instructional Materials:
<https://www.cde.ca.gov/ci/hs/im/>

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